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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 Don Allio,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 United Collection Bureau, Inc.,

15 Defendant.  
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No. 2:22-cv-02021-KJM-DB

ORDER

17 Richard Meier has given notice that he is “unable to continue representing Plaintiff in this  
18 matter, or even contacting [his] client.” Notice ¶ 5, ECF No. 12. He requests the court stay this  
19 action for thirty days “so that [he] can continue trying to reach Plaintiff” and so “Plaintiff can  
20 retain substitute counsel.” *Id.* ¶ 6. This District’s Local Rules impose specific requirements on  
21 attorneys who seek to withdraw from an action if doing so would leave a client without counsel:

22 Unless otherwise provided herein, an attorney who has appeared may  
23 not withdraw leaving the client in propria persona without leave of  
24 court upon noticed motion and notice to the client and all other  
25 parties who have appeared. The attorney shall provide an affidavit  
26 stating the current or last known address or addresses of the client  
27 and the efforts made to notify the client of the motion to withdraw.  
28 Withdrawal as attorney is governed by the Rules of Professional  
29 Conduct of the State Bar of California, and the attorney shall  
30 conform to the requirements of those Rules. The authority and duty  
31 of the attorney of record shall continue until relieved by order of the

1 Court issued hereunder. Leave to withdraw may be granted subject  
2 to such appropriate conditions as the Court deems fit.

3 E.D. Cal. L.R. 182(d). Mr. Meier's request to withdraw is **denied without prejudice to renewal**  
4 in compliance with these requirements.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 DATED: March 2, 2023.  
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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE